

EXHIBIT A

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

HANS A. QUAACK, ATTILIO PO
and KARL LEIBINGER, on behalf of themselves
and those similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEXIA, S.A. and DEXIA BANK BELGIUM
(formerly known as ARTESIA BANKING CORP., SA),
Defendants.

No.: 03-CV-11566 (PBS)

STONINGTON PARTNERS, INC., a Delaware
Corporation, STONINGTON CAPITAL
APPRECIATION 1994 FUND L.P., a Delaware
Partnership and STONINGTON HOLDINGS, L.L.C., a
Delaware limited liability company,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEXIA, S.A. and DEXIA BANK BELGIUM
(formerly known as ARTESIA BANKING CORP., SA),
Defendants.

No.: 04-CV-10411 (PBS)

GARY B. FILLER and LAWRENCE PERLMAN,
Trustees of the TRA Rights Trust,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEXIA, S.A. and DEXIA BANK BELGIUM
(formerly known as ARTESIA BANKING CORP., SA),
Defendants.

No.: 04-CV-10477 (PBS)

JANET BAKER and JAMES BAKER, JKBAKER LLC
and JMBAKER LLC,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEXIA, S.A. and DEXIA BANK BELGIUM
(formerly known as ARTESIA BANKING CORP., SA),
Defendants.

No.: 04-CV-10501 (PBS)

**PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO DEXIA BANK BELGIUM'S
DE FACTO CROSS-MOTION FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS TO PREPARE
LETTERS ROGATORY EXAMINATION QUESTIONS**

On June 30, 2006, Dexia filed its Response to Plaintiffs' Motion For Issuance Of Request For International Judicial Assistance (Letters Rogatory). Significantly, Dexia does not oppose Plaintiffs' motion. Rather, Dexia "requests that it be allowed 30 days to prepare its own written questions for each witness, to be appended to the letters rogatory before delivery to any Belgian authority." In effect, Dexia's response seeks affirmative relief and, as such, should be treated as a cross-motion.

In opposition to this cross-motion, Plaintiffs state as follows:

1. Dexia did not confer with Plaintiffs in advance of submitting this request. While Plaintiffs do not oppose Dexia's right to seek testimony *via* letters rogatory independently, Plaintiffs do not believe that their request should be suspended for 30 days to allow Dexia to prepare its examinations. Plaintiffs' letters rogatory are directed at six former Dexia employees and executives. All six individuals have been repeatedly referenced in Dexia's initial disclosures, interrogatory responses, document production and/or prior depositions. To the extent Dexia believed that testimony from these individuals was relevant or necessary for its defense in this case, Dexia was obviously free to seek such testimony *via* its own motion for letters rogatory. That Dexia did not do so speaks volumes as to the purported need for Dexia to cross-examine its own witnesses.

2. To the extent that Dexia wished to prepare its own written questions for these witnesses to be appended to Plaintiffs' current request, it should have done so by June 30, 2006, when its response to Plaintiffs' motion was due. Instead, Dexia apparently sat on its hands, and now seeks to further needlessly delay discovery by asking that it be allowed an additional thirty days *following* the Court's ruling on Plaintiffs' unopposed motion to prepare its own questions. There is no basis to grant this request. Dexia has had Plaintiffs' questions since June 16, and has

provided no explanation as to why it has not been able to prepare written questions directed at six former Dexia's employees and executives since that time.

3. To the extent the Court considers Dexia's cross-motion to belatedly append its own written questions for these witnesses, Dexia should be required to do so by no later than July 14, 2006. Moreover, this Court should also order Dexia to provide Plaintiffs with certified Dutch/French translations of its proposed questions by that date. Translated examinations must be provided to the Belgian authorities and Plaintiffs should neither suffer further delay awaiting Dexia's translations, nor have to pay translators to translate Dexia's questions. Finally, to the extent that the Court permits Dexia's request, this Court should permit Plaintiffs one week to prepare re-direct examination, as provided under 22 C.F.R. § 92.58, if warranted.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs request that Dexia's request for thirty days to prepare written questions be denied.

Dated: July 7, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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